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Tis the Season....Tax season, that is.

- \* 50 years ago Iowans learned that our state income taxes would be withheld from each paycheck starting January 1966.
- \* Iowa residents had to pay their 1965 state income taxes in 1966 as well.
- \* Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming do not have state income tax.
- \* Iowa has the lowest progressive tax rate of only 0.36 percent if you earn less than \$1,407 per year.
- \* The total amount you pay in taxes is called your tax burden.

## COMING EVENTS

## WHO AM I?

## NEWSLETTER

March

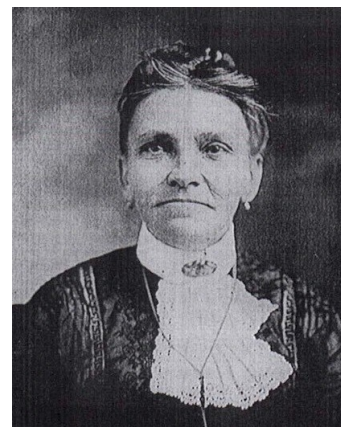
Women in History month.

The museum will have an exhibit on the women of Cedar County.

Emma Yule



*Would you like to see the Newsletter in Color? Become a Cedar County Historical Society Member today to receive a color copy each quarter in your email box.. Details for signing up for a membership are on page 6. This would make a great gift as well!*



Mrs. Lucinda (Herbst) Rate

As Thanksgiving and Christmas seemingly pass in a blur, and the New Year is upon us we would like to take pause to remember and express the gratitude we have for the blessings that have befallen the Cedar County Historical Society. We have been blessed with donations to support our museum and projects, and of historical artifacts that mark Cedar County's passage through time; for all of these donations we are truly grateful. We are equally grateful for the blessings of the valuable continued and new memberships that allow this organization to serve Cedar County in all of its historical needs. The Cedar County Historical Society is also grateful to be blessed with volunteers who give of themselves to help enrich the lives of those seeking an understanding of our past. For all of you and your contributions to this wonderful organization we humbly say thank you and wish you may be equally blessed in the New Year.

# HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS

The Tipton Bible Church bell choir, including an amazing bell solo by Pastor J. Smith accompanied by Alan Abrahamson on acoustic guitar, lovely Christmas carols on the piano by Alicia Walter, Kayla Walter, and Mackenzie Walter, solos by Julie Thomas, the violin/flute combination of the Stoplight Sisters (Moirá Depasquale on violin and Mary Barnum on flute) and a beautiful story told by Larry Hanon gave warm feelings of Christmas present as well as stirred memories of Christmases past. Pastor Paul Fredericksen on tuba, Jane Moen on clarinet, Isaac Abrahamson on Trumpet, Becky Young on flute, and Moirá Depasquale on violin formed an excellent community Christmas band as audience members participated in a Christmas sing along. Wonderful homemade cookies, provided by the Open Prairie Chapter NSDAR, followed the program. Thank you very much to Mary Barnum for all of her help in organizing this wonderful annual event.



## ***Mike Boyle Receives President's Lifetime Volunteer Service Award***

Boyle, who has worked for USDA for 27 years, was recognized for his leadership with the Hardacre Community Garden project in Tipton that resulted in the donation of more than 20,000 pounds of produce this year, as well as for his thousands of hours volunteering with such organizations as the Cedar County Historical Society, Cedar County Extension Council and Tipton Lions Club.

More than 20,000 pounds of produce was harvested and donated from Hardacre Community Garden this year including potatoes, sweet corn, green beans, tomatoes, peppers, carrots, beets, squash (several types), rhubarb, raspberries, blackberries, cabbage, kale, head lettuce (several types), broccoli, spinach, radishes, cucumbers, onions, sweet potatoes, apples, pears and grapes.

Produce and fruit was donated to local food pantries, Tipton Senior Dining Center, Shared Blessing Meal Site, Tipton Senior Park (apartment complex), Bishop Hill Apartments, Cedar Manor, Prairie Hills Assisted Living Center, as well as individuals and families in the Cedar County area.

"At Hardacre Community Garden we strive to be responsible land stewards through sustainable practices and organic farming," said Boyle, who is also a certified master gardener. "We do not use pesticides. We also plant heirloom variety seed and use natural waste materials for fertilizer." (USDA Website)

## **Extra Extra Extra**

Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Please send your contributions to:

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Please put "CCHS Newsletter" in the subject line.

All suggestions and feedback are welcome. Because of available space all contributions may not be immediately utilized.



## Entering the Great War

In two short years we will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States joining in the First Great War. In this publication we will be remembering those from Cedar County who fought valiantly and those who supported our valiant troops throughout the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWI. To start, though, it is important to look at the events that occurred across the globe that fueled the fire of this turbulent time.

- June 28, 1914 – The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife in Sarajevo by Bosnian Serb Gavrilo Princip.
- July 5, 1914 – Austria-Hungary seeks support from Germany for war against Serbia should Russian forces mobilize; Germany promises that support.
- July 28, 1914 – Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia; Russia mobilizes. The Netherlands declare neutrality.
- July 31, 1914 – Germany warns Russia to stop mobilizing; Russia says it is only mobilizing against Austria-Hungary.
- August 1, 1914 – Germany declares war on Russia and signs secret alliance treaty with the Ottoman Empire. Italy declares neutrality.
- August 3, 1914 – Germany declares war on France.
- August 4, 1914 – The United Kingdom declares war on Germany after Germany invaded Belgium and violated their declaration of neutrality. The United States declares neutrality.
- August 5, 1914 – Montenegro declares war on Austria-Hungary. The Ottoman Empire closes the Dardanelles.
- August 6, 1914 – Austria-Hungary declares war on Russia. Serbia declares war on Germany.
- August 9 1914 – Montenegro declares war on Germany. The Togoland Campaign begins.
- August 11, 1914 – France declares war on Austria-Hungary.
- August 12, 1914 – The United Kingdom declares war on Austria-Hungary.
- August 22, 1914 – Austria-Hungary declares war on Belgium.
- August 23, 1914 – Japan declares war on Germany.

- August 25, 1914 – Japan declares war on Austria-Hungary.
- August 30, 1914 – New Zealand occupies German Samoa.
- September 13, 1914 – Troops from South Africa invade German South-West Africa.
- November 1, 1914 – Russia declares war on the Ottoman Empire.
- November 3, 1914 – Montenegro declares war on the Ottoman Empire.
- November 5, 1914 – France and the United Kingdom declare war on The Ottoman Empire.
- November 11, 1914 – Sultan Mehmed V declares Jihad on the Allies.
- December 24-25, 1914 – An unofficial Christmas truce is observed between German and British forces in some areas of the Western Front.



**Christmas Truce 1914**

- February 4, 1915 – Germany begins unrestricted submarine warfare against merchant vessels.
- April 25, 1915 – Allied forces land on Gallipoli.
- May 7, 1915 – The British liner Lusitania is sunk by a German U-boat.
- May 11, 1915 – Armistice called at Gallipoli to bury the dead.
- May 23, 1915 – Italy declares war on Austria-Hungary.
- July 9, 1915 – German forces in South-West Africa surrender.
- September 1, 1915 – Germany suspends unrestricted submarine warfare.
- September 8, 1915 – Nicholas II takes the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Army.
- October 14, 1915 – Bulgaria declares war on Serbia.
- October 15, 1915 – The United Kingdom declares war on Bulgaria.
- October 16, 1915 – France declares war on Bulgaria.
- October 19, 1915 – Italy and Russia declare war on Bulgaria.
- November 27, 1915 – The Serbian Army

- collapses.
- December 19, 1915 – Douglas Haig takes command of the British Expeditionary Forces.
- January 9, 1916 – Ottoman victory of the Gallipoli Campaign.
- January 24, 1916 – Reinhard Scheer appointed commander of Germany's Hochseeflotte.
- March 1, 1916 – Germany resumes unrestricted submarine warfare.
- March 9, 1916 – Germany declares war on Portugal.
- May 10, 1916 – Germany suspends unrestricted submarine warfare.
- June 5, 1916 – The HMS Hampshire is sunk off Orkney Islands.
- June 10, 1916 – Paolo Boselli is Prime Minister of Italy.
- August 27, 1916 – Italy declares war on Germany. Romania enters the war.
- August 29, 1916 – Paul von Hindenburg is now German Chief of Staff.
- September 6, 1916 – Central powers create unified command.
- November 21, 1916 – HMHS Britannic sinks after hitting German mine. Charles I succeeds Francis Joseph I, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary.
- November 25, 1916 – David Beatty becomes commander of the Grand Fleet. John Jellicoe becomes first Lord of the Sea.
- December 7, 1916 – David Lloyd George becomes United Kingdom Prime Minister.
- December 29, 1916 – Grigori Rasputin assassinated.
- January 16, 1917 – German Foreign Secretary Arthur Zimmermann sends telegram to ambassador in Mexico to propose an alliance with the Mexican government against the United States.
- February 1, 1917 – Germany resumes unrestricted submarine warfare.
- March 1, 1917 – Erz von Straussberg becomes Austro-Hungarian Chief of Staff.
- March 15, 1917 – Czar Nicholas II abdicates.
- April 6, 1917 – The United States of America declares war on Germany.



## *How to Figure Dates From Tombstones*

Not all tombstones and obituaries list the birth date and date of death but rather will list a date of death and duration of life in years, months, and days. So how do you get the date of birth? There are a couple of ways to go about this. If the digits of the date of death exceed the digits of the duration of life the math is fairly simple.

**Example:** The date of death on the tombstone is April 16, 1904 and the individual lived 61 years, 1 month, and 10 days. You will simply subtract the years of life from the year of death, the months of life from the month of death and days of life from the day of death.

	Years	Months	Days
Date of Death	1904	4	16
Duration of Life	-61	-1	-10
Date of Birth	1843	3	6

So this individual was born March 6, 1843.

If the digits of duration of life exceed the digits of the date of death then a couple more steps are involved.

**Example:** The date of death on the tombstone is April 16, 1904 and the duration of life is 83 years, 8 months, and 21 days. Using the process above it would look like this:

	Years	Months	Days
Date of Death	1904	4	16
Duration of Life	-83	-8	-21
Date of Birth	1821	-4	-5

As you can see we have a negative birth month and day which is not something that can naturally occur – maybe when we invent time travel but until then we need to adjust the digits of the date of death.

We are going to remove one month from the months column and add its value in days to the day column and remove one year from the year column and add its value in months to the months column.

	Years	Months	Days
Date of Death	1904	4	16
	-1	-1	
		+12	+30
New Date of Death	1903	15	46

Let's now put this new date of death into our original calculation box and you will see this will prevent a negative month and day of birth.

	Years	Months	Days
New Date of Death	1903	15	46
Duration of Life	-83	-8	-21
Date of Birth	1820	7	25

Now we can see our individual was born July 25, 1820.

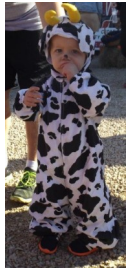
If you are thinking that is too much math don't worry, we have an easier way. The same results can be obtained by subtracting 8870 from the difference of duration of life from the date of death. It is important to use the YYYY/MM/DD format to get this to come out correctly.

**Example:** Using the same date of death and duration of life from above we would get the following calculation.

	YYYYMMDD
Date of Death	19040416
Duration of Life	-830821
Subtract 8870	-8870
Date of Birth	18200725

This shows us that the individual was born July 25, 1820.

# TRUNK OR TREAT



Tipton's second annual Trunk or Treat was held Sunday October 25, 2015 from 3-5 PM. Numerous businesses and non profit organizations were represented at the Tipton Fire Department Parking Lot with decorated trunks and treats for kids. This year was the first year that the Cedar County Historical Society joined in the festivities. Assisting Sandy Harmel in passing out the candy were her granddaughter Maddie Baker and Board Member Shirley Geadelmann.



## How Fast Do You Compute?

This tidbit from the May 20, 1969 Tipton Advertiser and Bennett Gazette is fun to read as you think about the role technology plays in your life today.

*Have you ever seen a giant computer, one which could print 1,100 lines a minute and compute in seconds what it would take an individual working a lifetime to do?*

*The Area Ten Community College Data Processing Open House, to be held Sunday, May 25, is a chance to see such a computer. The open house will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Area Ten Hawkeye Plaza building.*

*The open house will be informal and is open to prospective students, their parents, and to anyone interested in the field of data processing.*

*Students from the various data processing programs will be on hand to demonstrate uses of the computer and unit record equipment, to display some of the work which they have completed and to explain their program. Staff members and*

*representatives of the college's admissions and counseling offices will also be available to answer questions.*

*Information on career opportunities in the field of data processing will also be available. The college's record for placing data processing students has so far been 100 percent successful with students leaving this program to begin jobs paying from \$400 to \$750 per month. Industries from wholesale grocery companies, insurance companies, and banks to manufacturers and governmental agencies have been sources of employment for students.*



## 2015 Annual Meeting

The Cedar County Historical Society Annual Meeting was held December 5, 2015 at St. Mary's Hall in Tipton, IA. The agenda of the meeting started with a call to order from Vice-President Shirley Geadelmann, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance, Minutes of the 2014 annual meeting, treasure's report, membership report, election of officers and directors, and committee reports. Officers for 2016 will be President Mike Bixler, Vice-President Shirley Geadelmann, Recording Secretary Sandra Harmel, and Treasures Mike Boyle; all re-elected for a one year term. Board members re-elected for a three year term from 2016-2018 were Bob Davidson, Teresa Wendt, Rodne Wendt, and Hobert Flory. Newly elected board member Ann Hinkhouse will also serve a three year term from 2016-2018. Past presidents elected to the board for a three year term from 2016-2018 were, Jeff Kaufmann, Kurtis Voparil, Sharon Lynch-Voparil, and Ray Eserhaut.

A program presented by Sandy Harmel of the Cedar County Pioneer Cemetery Commission followed the meeting.

"After I'm gone, nobody would know the history of these things."  
Willard Richardson

NOTICE: As having a little house for the Prairie Village gets closer to becoming a reality it will be necessary to provide the house with a name that commemorates its rich history and we would like to introduce the Baughman/Shrope House.

## A Little House for the Prairie Village

Yes! I want to give my support to Cedar County Historical Society's **Little House Fund** with my donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**WANTED**

*Your old telephone books, any year, the older the better. This helps us research the family history of Cedar County families.*

*Pioneer Period looking clothing. Our volunteers wear these costumes for special events including school visits and Prairie Day.*

## CCHS 2015 Sustaining Members

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